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Hey! Have you ever thought of...
...turning into the person you were meant to be?
Someone cooler and cuter than the person you are right now?
Someone like...
...the girl you see smiling at you!

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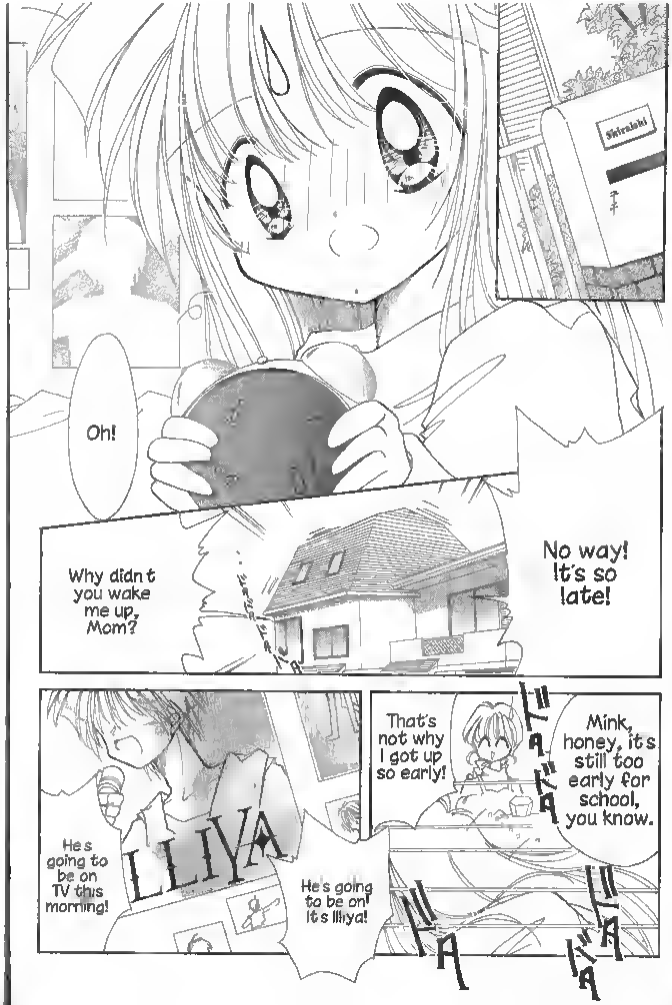
Birth of a Virtual Girl!


Shiraishi
Oh!
Why didn't you wake me up, Mom?
No way! It's so late!
LLIYA
He's going to be on TV this morning!
He's going to be on! It's Illiya!
That's not why I got up so early!
Mink, honey, it's still too early for school, you know.

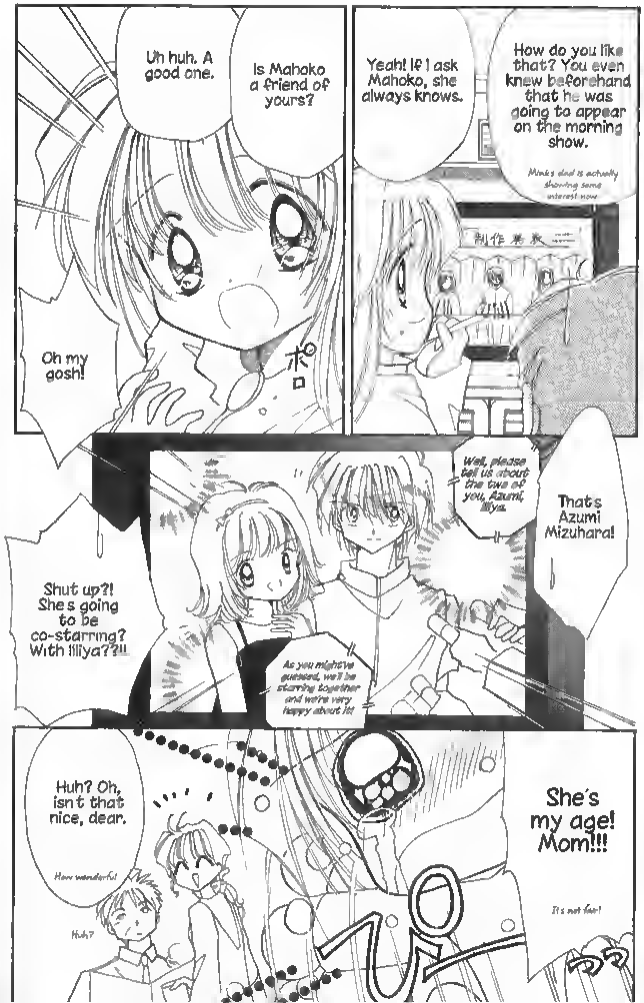
Mink Rap!!

Hello, I'm Megumi Tachikawa! I'm writing this after finishing the first volume of Mink. This is the fourth series I've published and I can't believe I've drawn this many illustrations! Seriously though, 2002 marks ten years since I first made my debut and I still can't believe it's real. Please wish me luck, so I can keep drawing these for you.

Okay, let's talk about Mink. The entertainment world is one thing I don't know much about, and I've always said that I'd never draw comics about the entertainment world! Even though I'm a total space case when it comes to techie things, I somehow had this crazy idea to do a story about the cyber world...go figure! People tease me that I don't even know how to use a cell phone! Who cares?! So now I've drawn a manga about the entertainment and the cyber world! Please join me for a glimpse into both worlds with Mink!

I'd like to answer everyone's questions. There are a lot of them, especially about drawing manga, so I'll try to focus on answering those in particular, okay? Here we go...off to cyber space with Mink. That sounded lame, but you know what I mean, right?!

-Megumi


Uh huh. A good one.
Is Mahoko a friend of yours?
Oh my gosh!
Yeah! If I ask Mahoko, she always knows.
How do you like that? You even knew beforehand that he was going to appear on the morning show.
Minako dad is actually showing some interest now!
That's Azumi Mizuhara!
Well, please tell us about the two of you, Azumi, Iliya.
Shut up?! She's going to be co-starring? With Iliya??!!
As you might've guessed, we'll be starring together and we're very happy about it!
Huh? Oh, isn't that nice, dear.
How wonderful
Huh?
She's my age! Mom!!!
It's not fair!

Iliii... Who?!
What's that about a wildcat? Did they become extinct?
Didn't I tell you?!
Okay, our next segment...
He's the popular lead singer from the group Jagunna. He just announced he'll be appearing in a new TV drama.
All the girls have voted him the most-wanted boyfriend!
Watch it!
Today, his first solo album hits the stores. Iliya...
Drama Drama Drama Drama Drama Drama Drama Drama Drama Drama Drama

I am! I am!
Are you going to watch the new TV drama?
I did! I did!
Did you see the morning show?
You're going today, right?
Yes, I'm going. I'm going.
To the CD store... Duh!!!
What?!
Go where?
I'm not that interested.
Today is...
Kanoka! Mahoko!
CHEESE!!
Mahoko Tachibana
Kanoka Hiiragisawa

If only I could be...
Lucky...
Bye!
Mink! Let's get going here!
Unfair Unfair Unfair Unfair Unfair Unfair Unfair
Lucky Lucky Lucky Lucky Lucky Lucky Lucky Lucky Lucky Lucky
...as cute as Azumi Mizuhara.
AZUMI
Mink! Good morning!
If I could be a star...
Aw, just for awhile.
I could be near Illiya.

CLACK
CLACK
In the unlikely event of the baseball game going into extra innings, the show may be postponed. Viewers can order a copy of the segment
Jagunna will appear in about 23 minutes and 40 seconds after the show starts
It's set
Friday, September 10th on "Music Satellite?"
Is there anything else you'd like to inquire about?
Ohmigosh, Kanoka! This is so amazing!
That is pure genius.
Oooh...
Puh-leeze don't compare your mechanical box to my information network, okay?!
The Internet is more reliable than your official sources, ya know!
Sorry to burst your bubble!
はちはちはちっっ

2-4
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
Don't just hang out with the computers!
But I'm not interested.
Come with us after school to the music store, Kanoka.
Mink!
Really?! That's so cool, Mahoko.
They say that Jagunna is going to make an important live appearance on "Music Satellite" this week!! A friend just told me on the cell phone!!
...the day Illiya's CD comes out!!
Mink? Are you okay?
A new CD
A new CD
A new CD
A new CD
A new CD
Oh, that's all we have were saying, right?

Someday there will be someone right for me...
If only...
Hellooo?!
But what about Iliya? I thought that Mahako was in love with him?
Mink, you are such a reject.
There's a difference between liking someone in real life and liking someone who's famous.
I can't believe Isha didn't get it
But what's the difference?
Okay, sure.
But I like...no, love Iliya.
...who I will love more than Iliya.
RECORD
What?
Did you see that?
Mahoko always brings two lunches with her.
I'll be back before homeroom, guys!
Uh oh...
...I can't stay here listening to this.
Really?
Yeah, then she rushes off and takes it somewhere else, you know.
Kanoka, you don't think that...it couldn't be...?
I had no clue.
No! I think she's got a boyfriend!!!
She's delivering take-out?
Mink is very proud of Mahoko.
Mahoko has a boyfriend
Oh!

Mink Rap!!

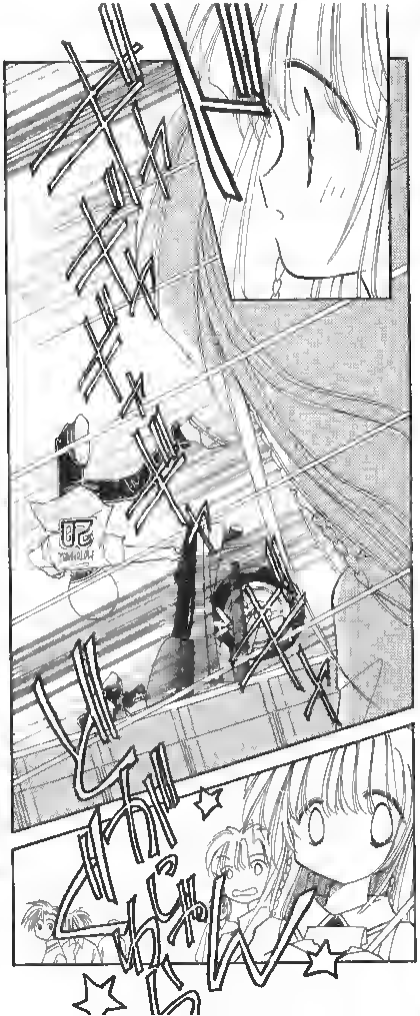
Q: What does "tone number" mean and how many tones are there? If you don't memorize all the color tone numbers, can you still become a cartoon artist?

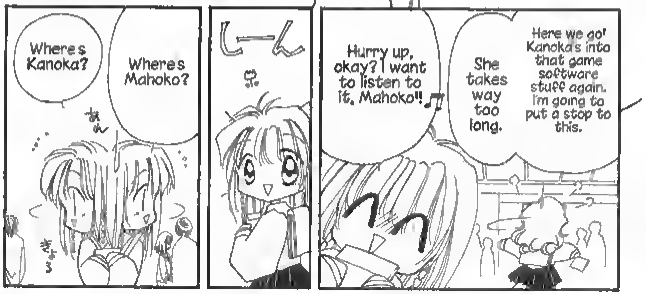
A: It's okay, guys (really, relax!). It's true that tones have numbers assigned to them but I barely memorized any of them I only remember #61 and #30 (I use those a lot). Other than that, we just make up names that fit like "the tears thing" or "the sparkling thing."

Q Do you use a computer to add text in the dialogue balloons?

A: No. Someone in the editing department does that for me. I just write words in with pencil first. That's what I do when I submit rough drafts too.

-Megumi




Where's Kanoka?
Where's Mahoko?
Hurry up, okay? I want to listen to it, Mahoko!"
She takes way too long.
Here we go! Kanoka's into that game software stuff again. I'm going to put a stop to this.

No!
Look!
He's in the idols section.
He's still alive after that?!
A little creepy!
Oh no! He's coming this way.
Oops!
It's sc-sc-scary!
Eeek!

Look at the bike.
Eeww!
What happened? An accident?
It's probably fetishist.
Uh oh.
No way.
BEAT RECORD
Ouch!
BlueBirds
20

Are you okay?
Careful!
I-I-I'm sorry.
You're uh bleeding.
What should we do?
What should we do?
It's my fault so I'll...um..
Blue Birds
20

!!
Oh...
Oh no!

Who just helped me?
Mink, what happened?
That was a frightening noise.
It wasn't the life-size dummy Illiya?
But, wasn't it...
...Illiya?
It was the real Illiya?

Girls on the other hand...
Guys can handle it.
Ouch.
Ooooh.
...don't wanna ruin their pretty little faces.
What's going on?
But sir...
I'll pay for this since I broke it.
I can't let a student like her pay for it.
Oh, that must be his name written on his back.
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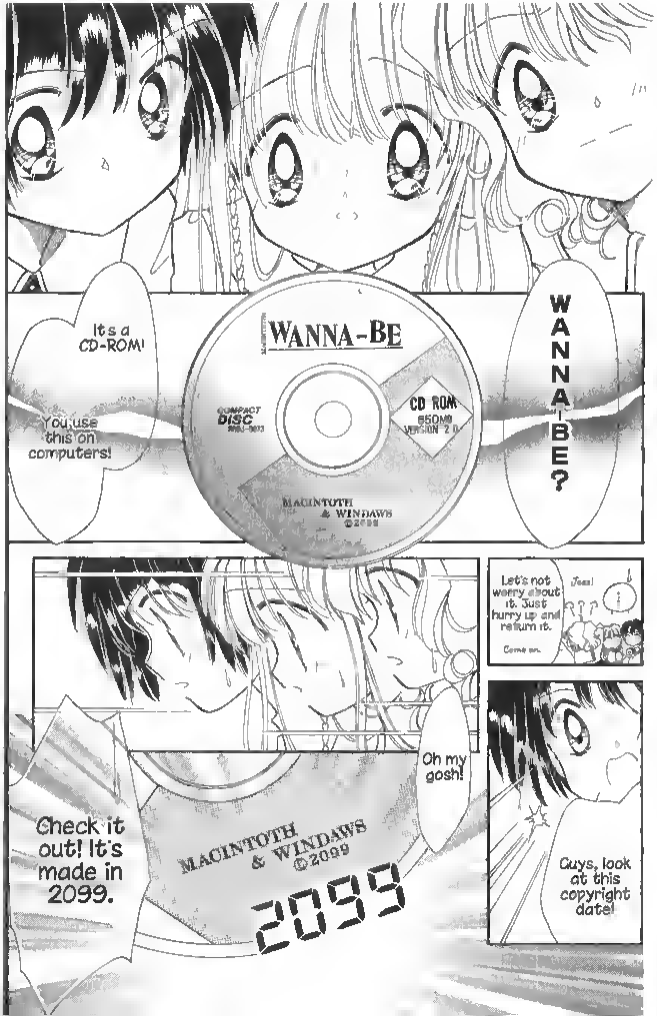
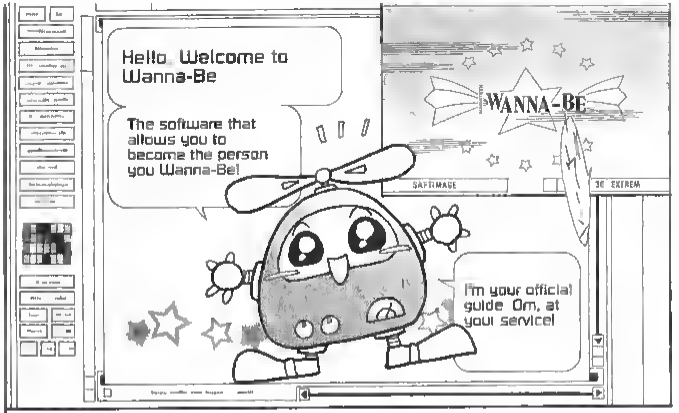
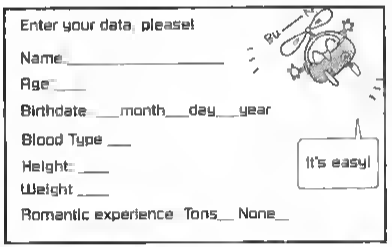
Motoharu ...

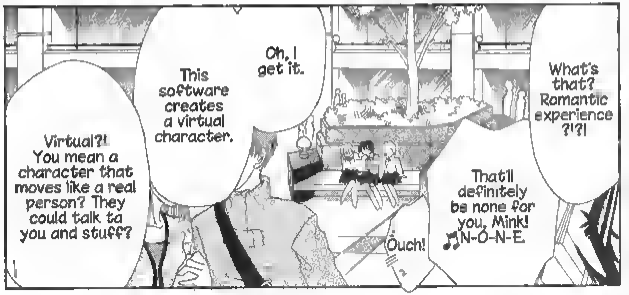

It's a CD-ROM!
You use this on computers!
WANNA-BE
COMPACT DISC
CD ROM
650MB
VERSION 2.0
MACINTOTH & WINDAWS ©2099
WANNA-BE?
Let's not worry about it. Just hurry up and return it.
Come on.
Jeez!
Oh my gosh!
Check it out! It's made in 2099.
MACINTOTH & WINDAWS ©2099
2099
Guys, look at this copyright date!

Yippee!
I'm going to listen to it!
It said Motoharu.
And the number 20 on his back
Like you should talk, always carrying your computer with you.
Do you always walk around with a CD player?
Mink, let's listen to the first song.
Okay!
Mink, try ejecting it.
What's wrong with this?!
It's probably a defect
Hey, there's no sound.


Hello. Welcome to Wanna-Be
The software that allows you to become the person you Wanna-Be!
WANNA-BE
I'm your official guide Om, at your service!


Enter your data, please!
Name:
Age:
Birthdate: month day year
Blood Type:
Height:
Weight:
Romantic experience: Tons None
It's easy!

He's cute!

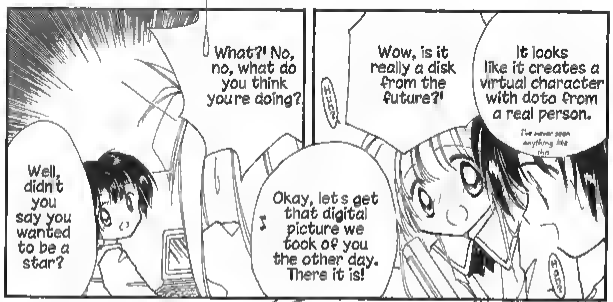

Virtual?! You mean a character that moves like a real person? They could talk to you and stuff?
This software creates a virtual character.
Oh, I get it.
What's that? Romantic experience ?!?!
That'll definitely be none for you, Mink! ♪N-O-N-E.
Ouch!

What?
Kanoka, what are you doing?!
Freaky! What kind of joke is this?
Very creepy.
Hmmm... This is interesting.
Let's install it!!

目にも止まらぬ
TAP!
Sigh.

Iliya's co-star Iliya's co-star Iliya's co-star Iliya's co-star Iliya's co-star
I said no!
How about something like Azumi Mizuhara?
あずちがう
I guess it's okay to keep going.
Yes!

Off to a different world.
What are you saying?!
This can't be!!


What?! No, no, what do you think you're doing?
Well, didn't you say you wanted to be a star?
Okay, let's get that digital picture we took of you the other day. There it is!
Wow, is it really a disk from the future?!
It looks like it creates a virtual character with data from a real person.
I've never seen anything like this!

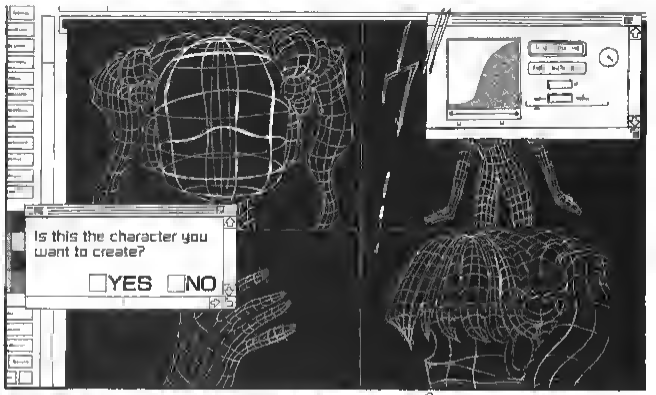
Okay, let's do it! Let's make a Cyber Idol Mink!
It does say for you to become the person you Wanna-Be.
Huh?

Next, it gives you "clothes." Let's dress her in something hot!
What should I pick?
Cyber Idol Mink will only be inside the computer, right? Okay then, it now asks, "hairstyle."
Yeah, that'll be so cool! Do it! Do it!
Really?
Wait a minute. I don't know, I'm embarrassed.

I'll find my "It" girl!
I will definitely find...
...our diamond in the rough!
Dad?
Oh my gawd! Let's hurry!
Over there by the fountain!
They say Azumi Mizuhara is shooting a scene here!!
Look! Over there!
No way! It's...

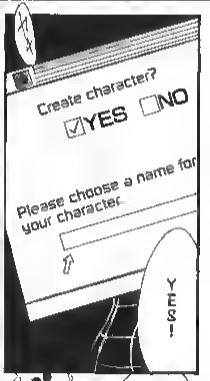
Stop calling me Mo.
Please understand. It's over, Mo.
It's not true. We can't give up.
If you're out of artists, we've got to stop production.
It's no use. Without a hot new star, we can't go on.
That's why I said don't give up!
Is that why you're telling me to give up? What kind of stupid father are you?!
Yeah, well, I don't know. I think I might just take a little vacation. As your father, I wish you good luck, Mo.

M-I-N-K. That's Mink.
Ready?
?!
Hit "Enter!"


Is this the character you want to create?
YES NO

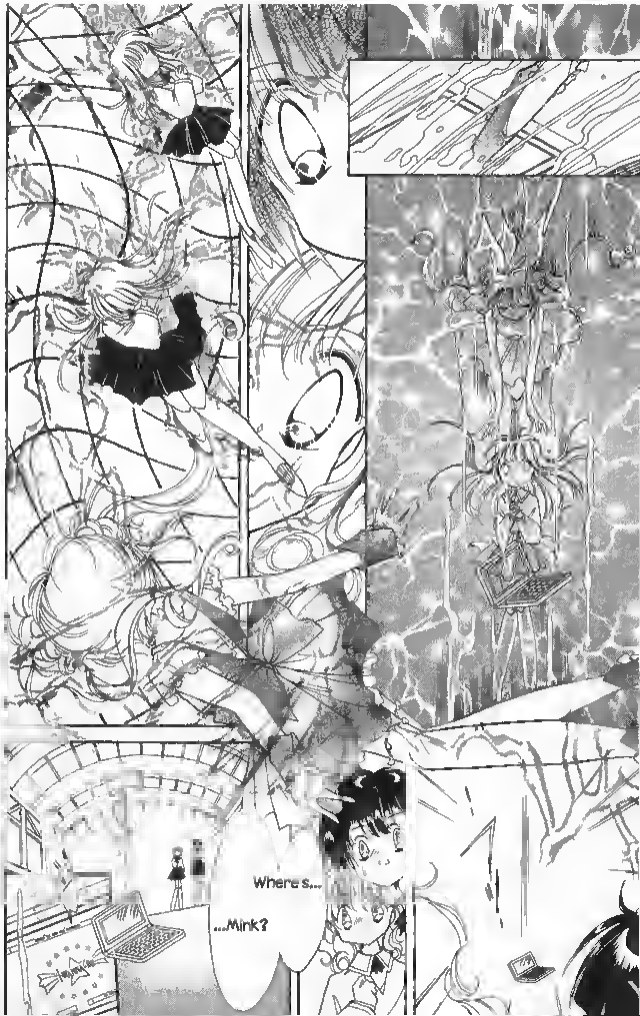
Whhaat?!
No way! Mink! They're shooting a scene over there with Azumi Mizuhara.
So, what about a stage name, Mink?

Hmmm, Let's see...?
Um, a name?
A stage name!


Create character?
YES NO
Please choose a name for your character.
YES!

I wanna go! I wanna watch them!
Okay, I'll just put whatever in.

Today we're at Azumi's favorite dating spot.
Hey, Azumi Mizuhara here!
Let me show you this fountain at the courtyard.
Look, everyone!
They can't take their eyes off me. They're so into me!
Look at me!! ♡
Oooh, Azumi's ratings are high today too.
What the—?
Huh?
What's Hua?
They can't take their eyes off...
Excuse me!
What's...?
They're not watching me!
But this is a live broadcast!


Where's...
...Mink?

STUDIO ALZA
Who's that?
She's cute!
She's here!
Who is she?!
Producer!!
The phone is ringing
Mr. Nishi, the phone is ringing off the hook!!
They all want to know more about her.
Hey, boss!
Maybe I need to apologize
You guys must've been hiding that new kid for yourselves.
Nice surprise, Producer Nishi.
What's happened?!
Someone...
...please tell me.

I-I-I'm...
Wh-wh-
Why am I...
??
...here?

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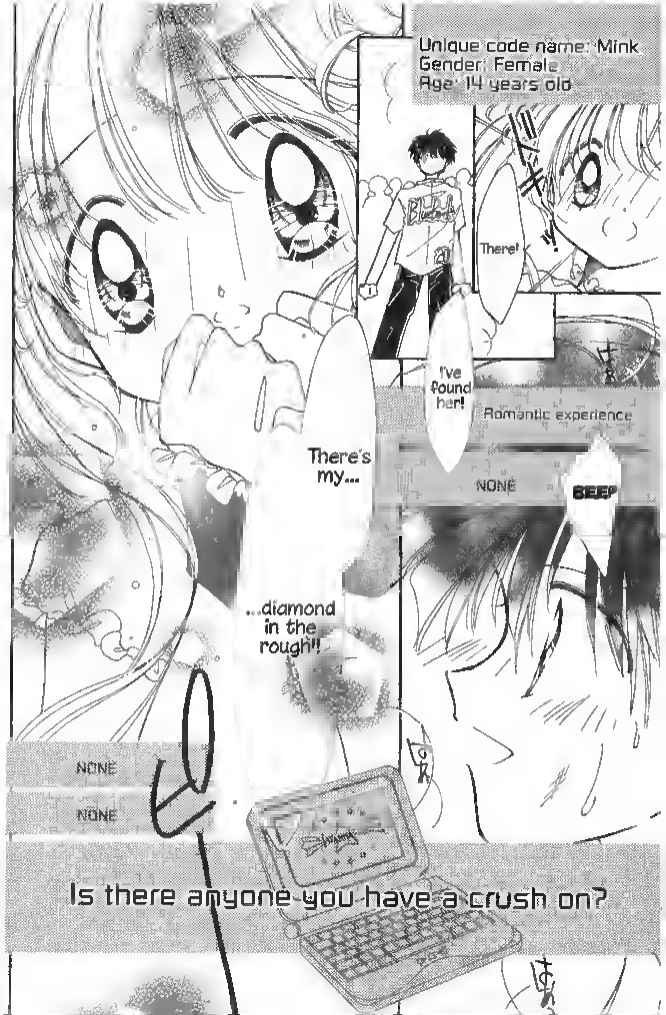
Chapter 2
I'm Gonna Be a Star!


Unique code name: Mink
Gender: Female
Age: 14 years old
There!
I've found her!
Romantic experience
NONE
BEEP
There's my...
...diamond in the rough!!
NONE
NONE
Is there anyone you have a crush on?

Mink Rap!!

Q: Before your debut, did you master drawing with colors?

A: No, I didn't know anything about drawing with colors. I only learned after my debut. The first color sheet I did was the inside cover of Hot Typhoon Volume 1. I was so nervous when I was drawing it! It's all trial and error when you first dabble in color. When you mess up, it's back to the drawing board! But even now, I still find working with color pictures very painstaking.

Q: What type of pen do you use when you draw the characters' faces? What do you use for the beta or practice drawing?

A: I use a "G" pen for the eyes, nose and mouth area. I use a round-tip pen. As for the betas, I use a fountain pen for any detailed areas and a magic marker for wide strokes.

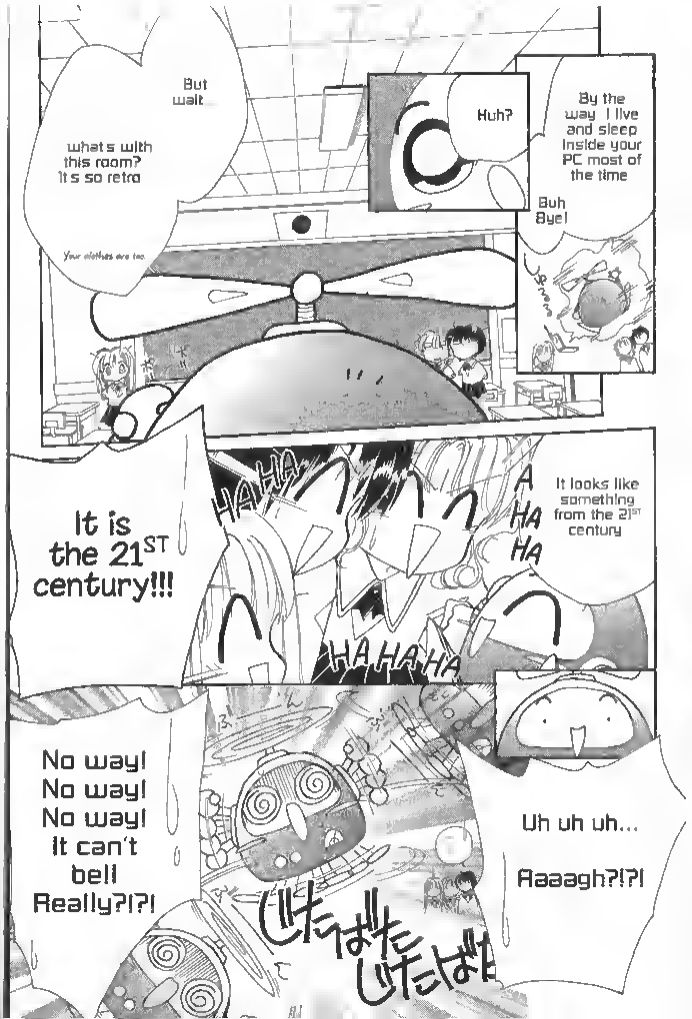
Q: In Japan, can elementary school kids attend manga school?

A: Absolutely, you bet! Go for it!

-Megumi

So were you a hit?
Back to what I was saying
FFFFSSZZZ
ぴょこりん。
Wait, you guys! I know what you're doing! Get back here!
Yeah, I have to go to a PC forum meeting or something like that.
Um, I have to be somewhere.
?
たすたすたすた

BOOM!
What are you saying?!
I really can't believe all this. Has your PC gone nuts?
Network enabled
Greetings! Welcome to Wanna-Be!
Was Cyber Idol Mink a hit?
My name is Om
Huh?
He talks!
He's saying different things from last time!
!!


But wait...
what's with this room? It's so retro
Your clothes are too.
Huh?
By the way I live and sleep inside your PC most of the time
Buh Bye!
It is the 21ST century!!!
HAHA
HAHAHA
It looks like something from the 21ST century
No way! No way! No way! It can't be!! Really?!?!
Uh uh uh...
Aaaagh?!?!
じたばたじたばた

Ohh?
So you've been using it without truly understanding it?
Big mistake.
Om, I want to ask you something about this software.
Exactly what is it?
But there's a catch. After three hours you return to your original form
And that's not it--here's another little perk. Look at this!!
Here.
Allow me to explain.
D.W. Inc. is a company that invented an entertainment software called Wanna Be!!
WANNA-BE
CD ROM
A cell phone?
This little guy connects to the WANNA-BE ware on your PC
Whenever you want you can transform back to Cyber Idol Mink anytime!
It transforms you into someone you've always wanted to be. Or for that matter someone you'd like to be
えっへん

Mink Rap!!

Q: Please tell me if there's another way to draw the frame lines besides using a Rotring pen?

A: I don't use that type of pen. I just use a marker. As long as it's a fine-tip pen, that's all that matters♡. Oh, I use a pigma graphic 1.0 marker.

Q: Do you have to be in Tokyo to be a manga artist?

A: No, you can work from anywhere. While you're still young though, you should be with your parents since you can always move to Tokyo when you're older. But then again, I'm from Tokyo so I'm not the right person to give you the best advice, sorry!

-Megumi

We don't know when or where the people from the future will be checking on us.
You must not tell anyone about this. Do you understand?
Also, you must return this software soon to the same place where you found it! Are we clear?
That's terrible!
Even if you do return the CD...
I'd better return this freaky software quick!
Huh?

Well, you conviently left out that part!
You can't do this!! You can't just use software from the future!!!
Then you and I both have committed first-class felonies.
Everything and everyone connected to Cyber Idol Mink will be erased!!
What?!
Oh?
This is violation of Article IV of the Time Space Management Law Code. We're in trouble now.
A decade.
If anyone finds out...
Then what?

I've convinced him that this girl has the perfect image to be the spokes-person for their new product, Blueberry Tea SY-A.
He's the show's sponsor and he's getting very impatient.
We've got the president of Suntorei Corporation on our backs!
Please relax, Mr. West.
Do you really think I can just relax right now?
If we don't find that girl, Suntorei will dump us.
We'd like to create a buzz about her and then make her debut huge!!
I don't care who or what it takes! Find that girl and...
...bring her to me now!
Uh oh.
Nishi is wigging out!

My computer is possessed!
No way!
I can't uninstall the software from my PC!!
Something truly terrible has happened.
The Mystery Cutie-Live!
Exclusive Story!!
Who is this mystery girl?
Today's Round-Up
Where the heck is this girl?!
Your Variety Show
She's been in hiding ever since she was discovered on live broadcast.
Currently we're in a major investigation at the studio to bring you more information on her.
This mystery girl is becoming a real phenomenon.
At present, several major agencies claim to be representing her.
Commentator

あはははは
You're not going anywhere.
And if you move a muscle...
Okay?
You gotta introduce me to her!!!
Ha ha ha ha!
Ha ha ha ha!
...I will kill you!
Get it?
...telling that big of a lie?
What was I thinking...
Here's something to...
ドンドンドンドンドンドン

Hey, aren't you from Bird Music?
!!
She's...
What? Why didn't you speak up sooner, dude?
What's your dad up to these days?
There! Make yourself useful--bring our guest some tea!
Y-yes, sir!
ぱん ぱん
...one of my artists!!

We're holding a press conference soon to launch the new product! We got the green light on it!
You must bring that girl to the Suntorei's headquarters this Saturday.
Got it?
See you later then!
gulp
You know there's gotta be a way.
Where in the world is that girl?!
He's so obsessed he can't move his fists

I'm the one who discovered her.
Why?
Angel Wings...
...sparkle like diamonds...
...surround her.
She's the only thing I won't give up.
And I won't let anyone else take her away.

These sidewalks aren't good for walking anyway.
Cool, the high-schoolers get to go to school on motorcycles.
Ouch.
Look, it's him!
He goes to our school?!

Serious?! How much?
...something amazing.
Whoever finds her gets a reward.
Yeah, they're trying to find that girl on the Internet.
This is turning into...

Besides, we'll never use it again. I know for sure I won't, and Mink definitely won't.
Be careful because we don't want to be erased, right?
Shhh! They can hear you.
People are saying that they're looking for Cyber Idol Mink all over Japan!

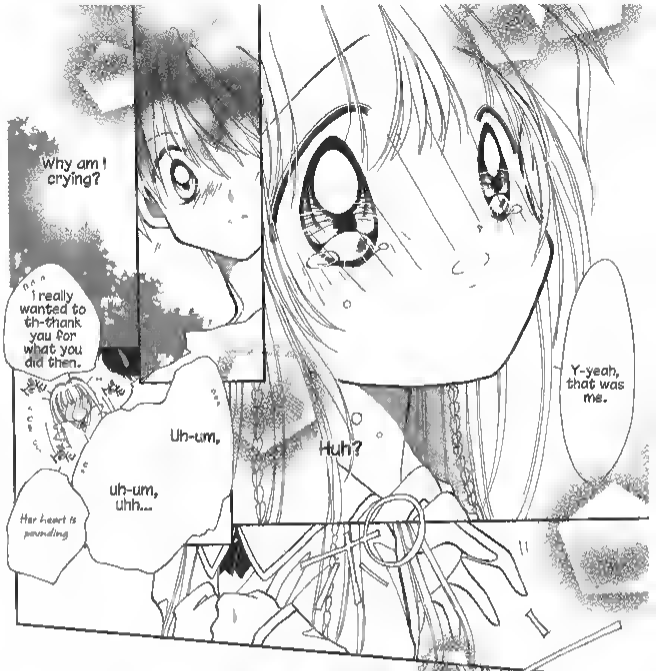
I never thought there would be this much excitement over Cyber Idol Mink.

Now what?

Wait a minute! You guys are brother and sister?!
That's boring.
Whoa!
What the...?
Her older brother?
Could it be?
Hi, I'm Motoharu Toriumi. I'm a Junior here at the high school.
Mahoko always talks about you guys.
I'll introduce you guys. This is my big brother!
Uh...yes.
Weren't you the one at the music store?
Hey!
...they're really brother and sister.
So that's it...

Their High School
Omigosh! Omigosh! Omigosh! Omigosh! Omigosh!
We'll follow her, Mink! Let's go!
Thanks.
Here, dig in!
You can't get like this over your friend's boyfriend, Mink. Snap out of it!
Hey, is Dad okay?
Okay, I get it.
What's that?
They're so tight that she's even close to his parents.
Mahoko, stop calling me Mo!
Mo, you better eat the lettuce too!!
Wow, if they're already on a first name basis, then they're probably already--
I'm your older brother, not your baby brother, so call me Motoharu!!

Oh, don't mention it. It's nothing.
After all, you're a friend of Mahoko's...
...so you're like a little sister to me.


Why am I crying?
I really wanted to th-thank you for what you did then.
Her heart is pounding
Uh-um,
uh-um, uhh...
Huh?
Y-yeah, that was me.

PAT PAT PAT PAT
It's a special technique of mine.
PAT PAT PAT
Oh, your touch almost feels like a massage. It's so relaxing.
Um?

Mahoko! I'm gonna go look for that girl!
Don't worry about me! Just take care of yourself while I'm gone.
Hah?
He needs Mink to...?
If I don't deliver...
...Bird Music will go under!
I told him she's one of my most popular artists...
...at Bird Music.
Huh?!
They made arrangements for me to speak at the press conference!
That's why I need to find her quick, you know.
Motoharu, you're already broke!
For all I know, you'll starve before you need to worry about delivering someone you can't even find!
Later
What's goin' on at your house?!
Really?! I didn't know that...

HEY! NOOOO!!
If you mean that girl, she's actually right h—
What?!
Oh.
So anyway, Mahoko, do you know anything at all about this mystery girl?
You can't be that lame!
Do you want to get us erased?
Oh yeah, that's right.
I'm not kidding! A producer named Nishi at STV Television got the okay from his sponsor to ..
...announce that he wants to use her as a spokesperson.
Really? How about your two tag-along friends?
Yeah right! Like you don't know something
Me? Oh, I don't know.

Wow.
Suntorei Product Launch
The place is packed with the media.
Will she really appear?
She's still in hiding.
He looks really nervous.
Cyber Idol Mink hasn't shown up yet.
It's all my fault that he's so stressed out.
He's looking for Cyber Idol Mink.
Don't give up!
She's got ta be watching this satellite broadcast.
...but I...
I promised never to use it again...

So my brother lives with our dad and I live with our mom.
Our parents are separated, you know.
He used to.
Your father runs a talent agency, right?
Oh...!
Wh-what? Is it really close to going bankrupt?
We're about to begin the press conference to announce the launch of our new product, SY-A.
Welcome to Suntorei head-quarters. We are pleased you're able to make it today.
Saturday
As we all know, everyone is anticipating the arrival of this mystery beauty, who should arrive shortly.

WANNA-BE
Take me to...
Set Up!!!
Motoharu's there!!

Maybe she's there.
WANNA-BE STAND BY
WANNA-BE STAND BY!
...to where he is.
I have to go...

Whoa!!
Are...
...you all right?
I knew you were here.
My diamond...
The place where I first met you...

...it's Cyber Idol Mink.
Um, it's Mink, I mean...
Oh, I didn't ask your name.
Oh.
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Cyber Idol Mink!
Yep, my killer touch!
Go for it!
Go!
Oooh...!
PON PON PON
Come on, relax.
Yeah, okay.
PON PON PON
PON PON PON

...is there anything I can do?
Uh, well...
...I don't have a diamond on me, but...
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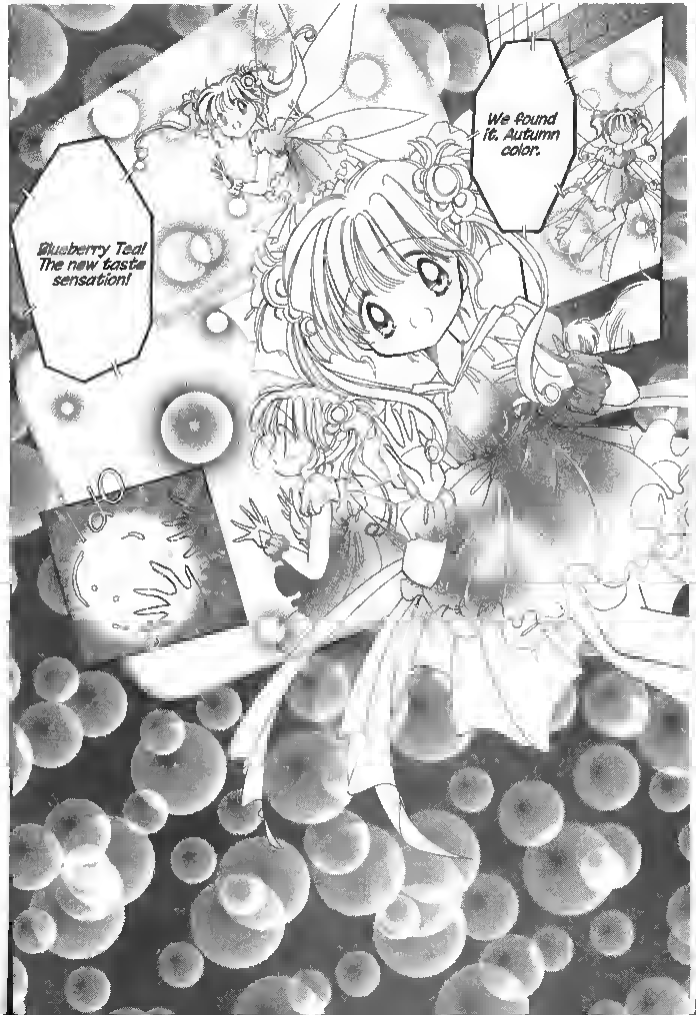
Hey, hang in there.
I'm hungry.
And now, let's introduce Suntory's newest drink, SY-A, the refreshing and tasty Blueberry Tea.
We are proud to present to you the new face of Suntory!!
Thank you for your patience, ladies and gentlemen.
SY-A
SY-A

Autumn color. We found it.
That SY-A tea!
They've run out of it! No matter where you go, they say they're all sold out!
They say if you buy the tea, you get a poster of Cyber Idol Mink.
Blueberry Tea SY-A
SY-A
Cool! I'll definitely buy it then!

What's happening?!
Hey, wait a sec.
MINK!!
ZZZZZ

Yes!
Hey!
Your name is Cyber Idol Mink, right?
Over here!
Mink!
And now...

Come on!! Open the store up! We want to buy some Cyber Idol Mink's SY-A!!
We're sold out!!
Holy cow!
Cyber Idol Mink's tea? I had some.
Yeah, it's really good isn't it?!
Hey, that tea is already sold out!!
The new blueberry tea.



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秋色(あきいろ)つかまえた。

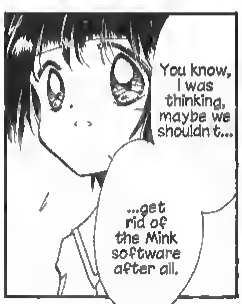
ブルーベリーティー
[SY:A]
ポイ

Chapter 3

My First TV Appearance

Kanoka!
Oh!
Mink?!
Oh Motoharu!
Got another project for you!
...that I could do something for someone else.
I never knew...
I'm so happy.
Huh?
Yeah, it's awesome. I'm so happy I can't believe it.
Get over to the office ASAP, okay? See you there!

I even bought the ice tea.
She's really cool, isn't she?
Mink!


You know, I was thinking, maybe we shouldn't...
...get rid of the Mink software after all.

SY-A!
SY!A
Get yours too.
She's so cute! What a star!
That's the Cyber Idol Mink commercial.

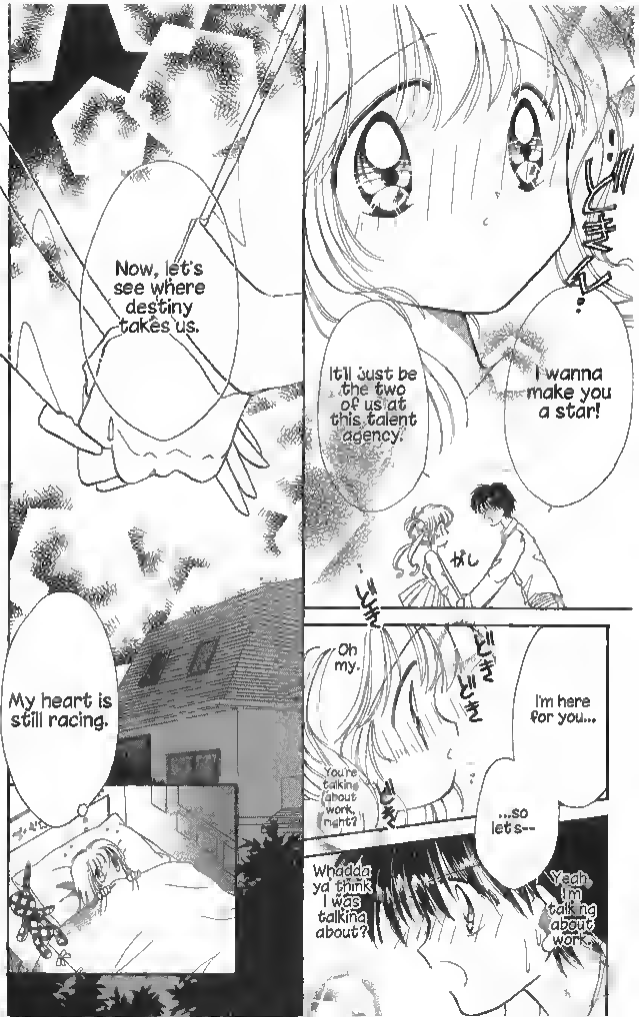
We won't tell anyone.
Promise, kay?
No matter what happens.
Let's all swear to keep...
Cyber Idol Mink a secret!

Do you want that?
I'm just a program so it doesn't matter to me
be erased
I know but... please!
Just a little longer!!
That's how it's gonna be. Whatever Mink decides.
Even if we are a part of it
Okay.
We can't turn back now, right, guys?
We're doing it for my brother's sake
He called me!
He said he's happy.
He called me.
Please, I just want to try it again to see...
...if Cyber Idol Mink can do anything else.
But if anyone finds out, we will!

Yes, I will work very hard.
Hello, how are you? My name is Cyber Idol Mink.
Ah!
I'd better be polite.
I bet you were surprised by how small this agency is.
Behind me?!
Also, we don't know where our agency president is?
That bear is our president's mascot! Heh!
The only employee is his son.
That would be me.
But, I...

Bird Music Talent Agency
Hello?
What should I do? I don't know anything about talent agents.
They seem like they might be scary people!
Currently away on Vacation
President
Uh?
A teddy bear?
Currently away on vacation.

...Motoharu was saying it to Cyber Idol Mink, not the "real me."
But that was only a conversation about work, really, and...
Please make me one promise.
(Hm?)
I'm sorry.
I will work hard though.
This is just like the Swan Lake fairy tale.
Please promise not to inquire about my personal life...
...like where I live, my family or school.
If you could promise me that.
Please...?
I promise.
Even though I don't really like Hieta conditions.
I swear.
...who I really am.
I'd rather keep private...


Now, let's see where destiny takes us.
My heart is still racing.
It'll just be the two of us at this talent agency.
I wanna make you a star!
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Oh my.
You're talking about work, right?
I'm here for you...
...so let's--
Whadda ya think I was talking about?
Yeah, I'm talking about work.

WANNA-BE
SET UP!!
To the TV station...

So you don't turn into a swan?
Okay, let's get to work.
Cyber Idol Mink's first TV appearance!
WANNA-BE STAND BY
WANNA-BE STAND BY!!
We're in this together...
...Motoharu...

In the second half, stay tuned for the "New Talent Corner" hosted by Azumi Mizuhara.
I get ta ga an that show too!!
I knaw it cause I always watch it.
WHAT'S ON
It's a prime-time show that includes news and music.
As I mentioned the other day, today's TV project is "What's on."
A well-greased machine
Script
I'm on TV.
I'm on TV.
I'm on TV.
I'm on TV.
They say-- are you listening? Hey!
Huh?!
It's...
!!
...him!
It's a live show, but relax...
...cause you get to rehearse.
Yes!

Om!!
He popped in just for me! Yippee!
Music Room
Of course!!
I was worried
Is Cyber Idol Mink here?
Have you ever seen one?! Everyone has them!
I-it's my pet robot!
Wh-what's that?
Didn't I just hear it talking?
Huh?
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...before my very eyes.
I don't need it.
Just trash it!
...I can keep it?!
It's Illiya's.
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That song you just threw out...
Trash it?
But isn't this the music?
I can't throw it out. So that means...

Illiya live! Illiya live! Illiya live! Illiya live! Illiya live! Illiya live!
Flutter.
You...you dropped this!
Wait a second please!
I-i-i-it's Illiya!!
And the members of Jaguna!!
I don't believe it! This is like a dream!
I can't believe it's really him! It's Illiya...

"The ten million moons of your eyes..."
He did say he wanted to...
"Millions of Moons"? That's a song I don't know.
There's a pretty melody.
What the--?
Huh?
I can sing?!
Mink, here's some lunch from the studio.
...the power of love♡.
Hey, your lunch.
Whoa. This must be part of Cyber Idol Mink's power.
No, it must be...
Eyyiiii

That's right. We should do what the record company tells us to do. At least for now.
We've got to come up with some cooler stuff.
...aren't we all under a lot of pressure here?
Y'know, I get what you mean when you say you want a song that touches people's hearts, but come on, dude...
Come on...
I get it.
Another one of Illiya's songs.
That poster is moving.
I'm so going to treasure this.
Taping at a different music show

Mink Rap!!

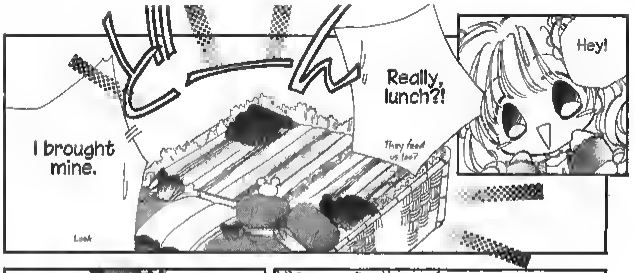
Q: When you buy manga pens, do you buy the pen tip separately from the pen shaft?

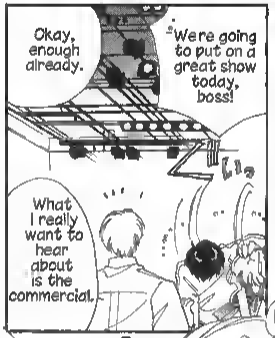
A: For me, I buy them separately. I rarely buy pen shafts because I usually hold on to them for long periods of time. The one I'm using now, I've had for five or six years! Pen tips wear out so I buy lots of them. I suggest changing the pen tips when they run out 'cause it's really hard to write with, okay? By the way, I use "G" pens, round-tip pens and school pens. The brand is Zebra.

Many elementary and middle-school students send me letters with questions about manga production. I'll do my best to answer these, since there's so much I don't know about production either! I often don't know who to ask myself!

-Megumi

Hmm... something's goin on.
Huh?
Oh...?
What's going on in there? Producer Nishi is there too?
Everyone wants the hot new thing.
That's how it is, Azumi.
Have you forgotten how she messed up your live broadcast the other day?
Manager-san





There's plenty! We can share.
Hey, would you like some of this lunch?
Oh, thank you!
We brought the tea too.
It was really cute!!
Mink, we saw your commercial.

...Mink!
Well, this week's "Fresh Face" is...
...a girl who's recently become a huge sensation thanks to her popular commercial. Let's welcome...
Right!
I'll be watching from the front.
STRESS!
きんちょう☆
Hello!
H-hello.
Are you all right? You seem a little tense.
Mind if I ask you a few questions?
Uh, sure.
I hear you hate eating fish, Mink. Is that true?
What?!
What's the story?
The studio staff made a special fish for lunch today just for you and...
...you didn't eat it, did you?

Payback time!
I'll use this live broadcast to get back at her for what she did to my broadcast!
I just got a great idea! Tee hee!
うふふ。
I just read the script.
I'll be asking a lot of questions about...
...that girl!
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!
Ready to go on-air!
We're bringing you the hottest in music and news!!
Hello!! We're back again this week with "What's On."

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!!
What should I do? If I mess up now, the whole live broadcast will...
But...
...what should I...
Excuse me! Please let me borrow this.
Huh?
Motoharu!
He's got a cut
I can't...
...read it!
I feel so stupid

That host is not following the script!
Is that what happened?
What a diva! That's not cool.
So you made your own lunch?
No, I—
Oh my, sounds like you're one picky eater!
I didn't mean to—
That was simple...
...I just made her seem like a spoiled brat.

Uh, never mind.
...um, what is it that they eat?
Well, come to think of it...
...humans eat fish, and fish eat smaller fish, and fish eat plankton, and plankton eat...
Don't they call that the food chain? Therefore, we must eat fish!!
Got that?
Uh... please behave.
Right, Azumi?
Look, that girl's a riot!
Huee!
Don't think I'm giving up so fast.
W-what?!
I wish they showed more of Mink.
You never know what she's going to say.

Motonaru came to see you.
You can't mess up, Mink.
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How did you know?
You're amazing!
I'm not afraid or anything.
I am so so sorry!!
I mean, when it comes to fish, it's just terrible if we don't eat it. Right?
Now that Azumi has pointed it out to me, I really regret what I've done.
Huh?!

No, she hasn't rehearsed any of her songs.
Make up something! Say you caught a cold.
Come on, Mink.
Um...can't read that!
Motoharu!
What is that?! Chicken scratch?!
Whenever Motoharu is around...
I'm not scared.
...he always makes me feel protected.
"...Millions of Moons."
PON
PON
Currently away on vacation

We have a special treat for you today.
Mink...
...is going to sing one of her favorite songs!
Isn't that right, Mink?
Huh?!
Wait!
Okay, out in front, please.
Well, they said your dream is to be a singer, isn't that true?
Uh.
Why all of a sudden?
C'mon!
Which song?!
Hmm...should we request one of my songs?
Any song will be just fine. Come on, everyone's waiting.
Good luck!
Singing one of my songs will totally mess her up!
This is it.

My song?
Hey, what's the name of this song?
I don't really know, but...
...it hits you right here.
It's like Mink's inside of me or something.
Look.
She's jammin', man!!!

And now...
...a melody that...
...will touch your heart.
Hey!
Isn't that your song?

Because...
...you were there for me!
I did it!
Huh?
Hey, is she putting out a CD?
Uh, no. I mean not yet.
Her album.
I'll produce it.
Iliya?
I'll do it.

That's what they want to know.
Huh?
Why?
When does this song go on sale?
Producer!! They're calling in from all over the country!
It's all about her.
They're lighting up all those lines!
Oh.
...that was fun!
...but...
My heart is still pounding. I was so scared...

Chapter 4
Christmas Debut!

電脳少女★Mink

Did you meet him?
How did Iliya get caught up in this?
What about the songs?! Will you be singing his songs?!
Wait a second, Mink, is this true?!
BREAK OUT
They announced that Iliya's going to produce Mink's debut CD!!
Iliya's going to produce it
Iliya's going to produce it
Iliya's going to produce it
Iliya's going to produce it
Iliya's going to produce it
Look. She's spacing out again.
That happened many times!

will produce...
Sniffle.
...Mink's CD!
Thank you very much!
That was the entire Sagunna band.

Come on, you've got to give us a break.
I can sing it again.
Hello.
what?!
Is this right? So even with these great terms, it's not good enough?

That's great, Mink! That's the girl I made!
But she's more than just a star, you know.
...that's what I heard from Illiya's production company, Real Records.
I don't really know but...
Lucky! You'll get to hang out with Illiya!
Always thinking about himself
Wait a minute Let me remind you that it's WANNA-BE that made her!
It was me!
Things are getting really exciting now!
Yeah, and I'm going to get singing lessons!!
Has too much, that little Oni
So there's going to be a recording and everything?
That was probably your goal from the start
We're so stoked!
Get his autograph okay?
That song... Illiya's own "Millions of Moons."

If you reject us, there's nothing we can do. Your company won't survive, got that?!
.....!
Well, excuse me, then.
Yeehah!
How long have you been standing there?!
Um...
Hey!
Don't worry, that was nothing. It was just a discussion about my old man's debts.
Oh, that's what it was? I was wondering who they were.
Anyway, isn't it great?
Iliya's producing Cyber Idol Mink! I'm such a big fan of his!!

Mink Rap!

My Favorite Songs!

"Songs of Love"
by Gardens

"That Paper Airplane Crossing a Cloudy Sky" by 19

"Making a Beeline"
by Mika Komatsu

"Next to You" and "Wish"
by Hitomi

"Before Dawn"
by Sugashibae

"Heart of the Night"
by Nanase Aikawa

"Isn't She Cute?"
by Mission

"Lovesong"
by Something Else

"Squall"
by Eiko Matsumoto

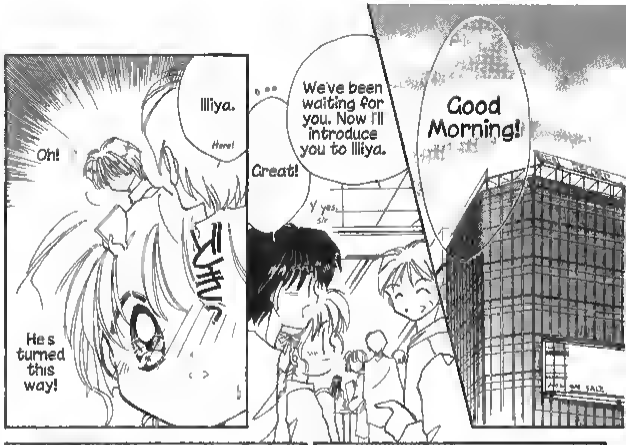
"Love's Lovestar"
by The Brilliant Green

"Paradise"
by Yuki Uchida

PS I've noticed that most of these singles start with guitar solos.

-Megumi

Thank you.
Huh?!
My own very special song...
...you sang it beautifully.


Good Morning!
We've been waiting for you. Now I'll introduce you to Iliya.
Great!
Iliya.
Here!
Oh!
He's turned this way!

He's coming over here!!
W-w-w-what should I say to him?
I can't believe this is happening to me, I gotta pinch myself!
Um...

You're a high school student?
Please to meet you. I'm also Mink's manager.
The first run will be 300,000 copies.
...will be arranged a little more up-tempo. After all, it's my debut song for her.
First of all, according to the contract, the song "Millions of Moons..."
Yes...
That's cool. I'm 18 myself.
I am.
Then we'll do a whole PR blitz.
I don't know where he's going with this.
But I quit school.
Is this supposed to be funny?
The release date will be...

I decided that very instant to give you "Millions of Moons."
Just to you.
I can't believe it
He wants me to sing it for him.
Weren't you flirting with her from the beginning?
Now she's gone and fainted.
Nee-sama!
!!Iya!!
This is our contact from Bird Music...
...Matoharu.

Your voice isn't coming out.
Take a look at this key.
A little more
One more time!!

Excuse me Mink?
Chill out! You're gonna run out of breath.
This is the next one.
Yes, I see.

Oh it's Motoharu!!

I can't understand what she's saying.
When are you coming back?
Where are you going?
Are you very busy today too?

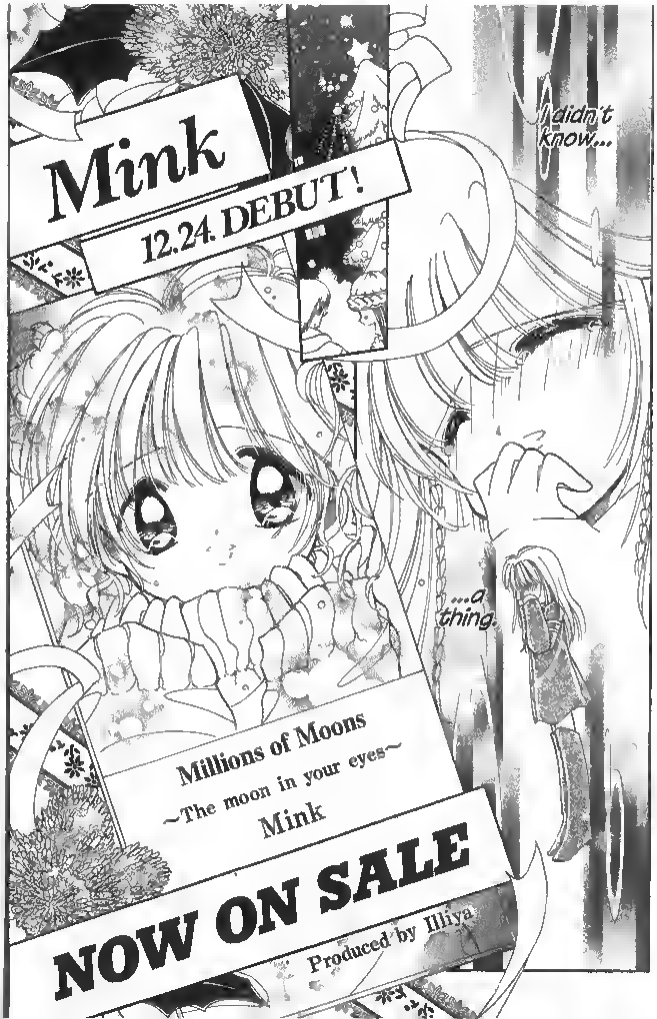
I've really got to do a good job!
December 24th!
Christmas Eve!
Awesome, I...
...really am coming out with a CD?!

What?
...I wouldn't have been able to produce it...
If you had listened to Queen Records and gone with them...
What do you mean Queen Records?
You know all the talk about them being the biggest one in the industry?
Well, they also have big-name producers, and we were talking about a first release of one million copies.
I heard...
To pass up an opportunity like that and then to sign with Real Records! That was a shocker.
...they're talking about rebuilding your office.
Okay, everyone!
That's a wrap!
!!
You really did a great job! You must be tired.
Oh, thank you very much.
This is the first time someone's given me flowers.
Look at these!
Thanks.
From Iliya, who I adore.
Just wanted to thank you for working with me.

Huh?!
They were even going to rebuild your office too!
You never told me anything about Queen Records!!
Hellooooo?! Isn't it obvious that would've been the smarter option?
Well...
...that's not something for you to worry about.
You and...
By breaking with them...
...they might even drive Bird Music out of business.

Mink is a huge fan of Iliya.
That's great
If you reject us, there's nothing we can do. Your company won't survive, got that?!
No way!
Motoharu!

How was the session?
Why didn't you tell me?!?!
Mink?!
Hey.
Hey Mink. Welcome back.


Mink
12.24. DEBUT!
I didn't know...
...a thing.
Millions of Moons
~The moon in your eyes~
Mink
NOW ON SALE
Produced by Illiya

I thought we shared the same destiny!!
We started our destinies together.
...since the terms with Queen Records were much better.
You should have just ordered me to work for them...
Mink!
The one I'm mad at is me.
Motoharu probably felt bad hearing me go on and on about Illiya.
Motoharu didn't do anything wrong.

It's all right, Mink. Look!
I've thought of a Christmas present for you!
And I said those terrible things to Motoharu.
Hey, did you hear?
This CD release almost didn't happen!
Are you listening?
Look!
Come on!
I heard the young president of Bird Music got down on his knees and begged them to back off!
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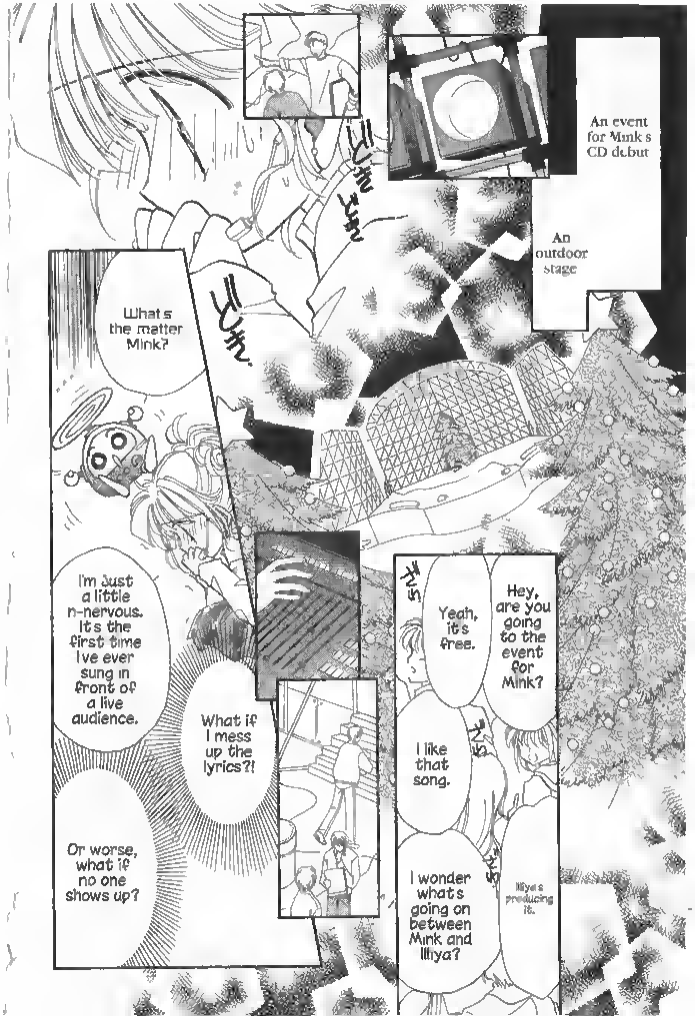
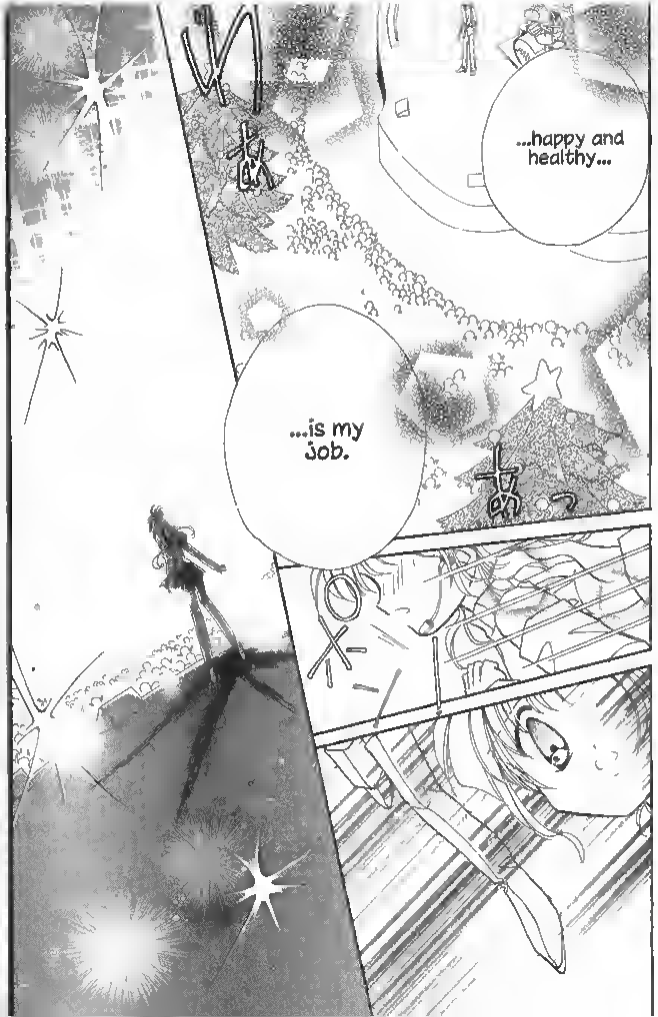
That sucks!
I know. You mean the incident with Queen Records?


An event for Mink's CD debut
An outdoor stage
What's the matter Mink?
I'm just a little n-nervous. It's the first time I've ever sung in front of a live audience.
What if I mess up the lyrics?!
Or worse, what if no one shows up?
Hey, are you going to the event for Mink?
Yeah, it's free.
I like that song.
I wonder what's going on between Mink and Iliya?
Iliya's producing it.

Mink in "Millions of Moons"
Mink!
We're about to begin!
We came to watch you!
On behalf of the company's president, I have an executive order to give you.

He insisted that Iliya...
...produce Mink's CD.
Mink looks so happy.
She has no plans to change record labels.
I beg of you. Please step back on this one.
Even though Motoharu was smiling all along.
Mink.
This is where she was.
Boys and girls!
I didn't know.
I didn't want you to beg for me.
I'm really...
...sorry.


...happy and healthy...
...is my job.

What?!
Smile!
Making sure that Cyber Idol Mink is...
whether you're worrying about your debts or the company, I'll be okay.

What should we do? Even though it's standing room only, not everyone is gonna fit!
More people keep showing up!
There's nothing we can do. We must close the gates now!
To everyone who showed up...
...I just wanted to say th—
You go girl!!

...people!!!
All...
...these...
Oh MINK!!

GO!
RRR
!!
We haven't started yet, so I guess it's okay.
Huh?!
A phone call??
Merry Xmas!
Here's a present!

1
2
Mink has a special request!
Please spend your Christmas Eve with me!!
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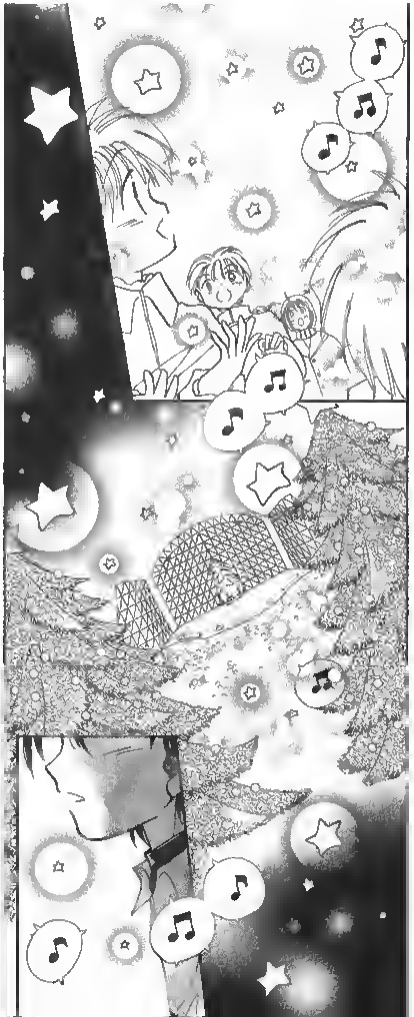
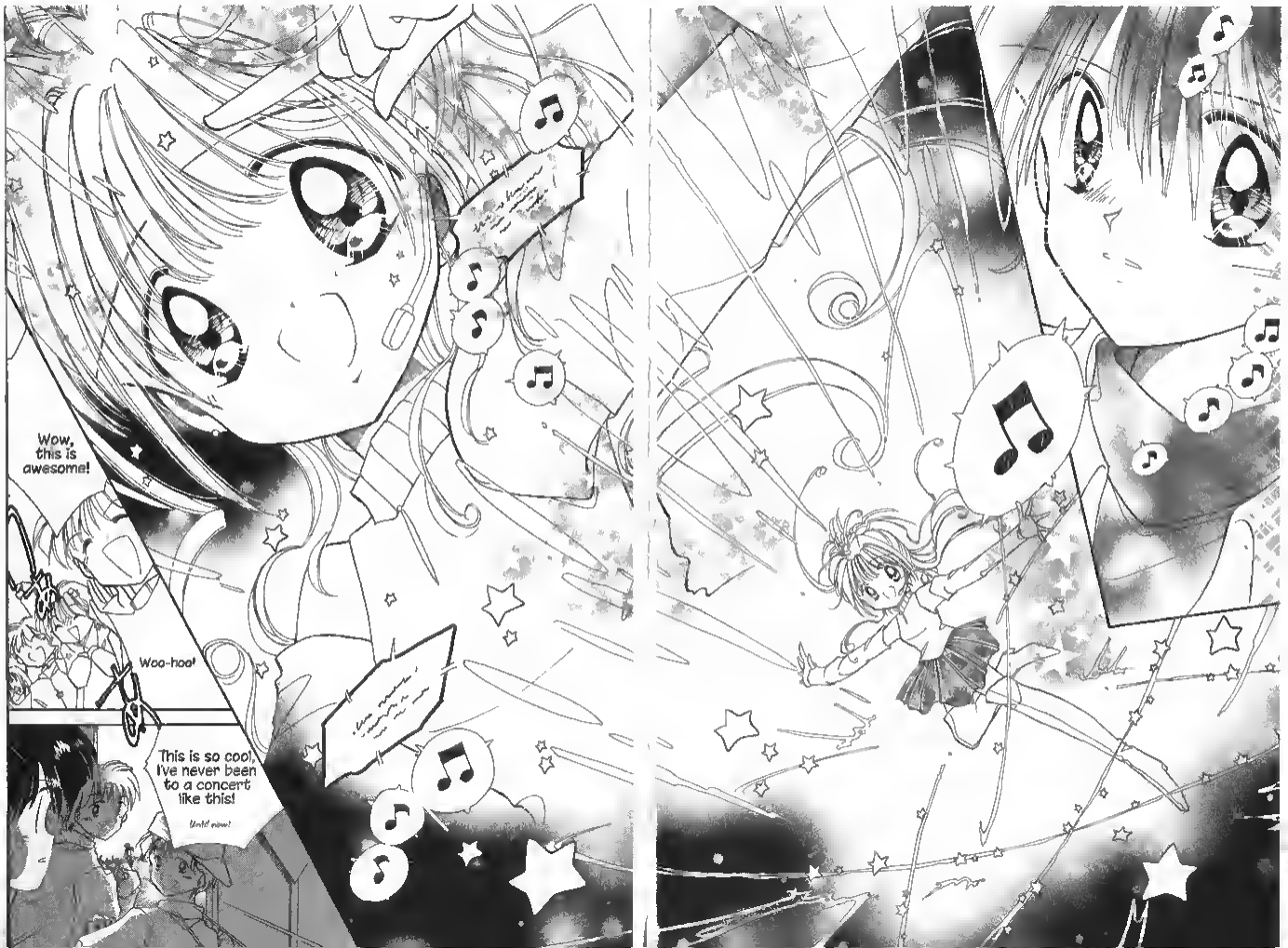
...and healthy."
I just wanted to say...
...thank you all for coming!
"Making sure that Cyber Idol Mink is happy..."



What?
What's this?
Amazing!
They're so cute!


Wow, this is awesome!
Woo-hoo!
This is so cool. I've never been to a concert like this!
Until now!

電脳少女☆Mink
Chapter 5
The Love Song Of Mink And Cyber Idol Mink.

I...
Mink! Mink!
...understand.
It's Motoharu I love.
It's Motoharu...
...I love!

I better hurry before I turn back into my regular self!!
Aagh, the alarm is going off!
Yes, Mink. Okay.
Mink, don't forget about the three-hour time limit!

Mink Rap!!

This is the kind of question a lot of people have sent in so I'm trying to summarize and answer it now.

Q: Are there special classes or formal training to become a manga artist? If so, what kind of school provides this type of training? Did you have to take any classes?

A: This is hard to answer. The reason is that to become a manga artist, the actual "study" is really practicing on your own. I went to a regular elementary school, middle school and high school, and then right into a vocational school. And to be honest, it didn't have much to do with manga cartooning at all! Then I worked in an office for a while doing administrative stuff. The best form of training is reading panels in magazines. I've heard there are manga/cartooning schools, but I don't know much about them--sorry! Although I have taken a class or (it SHut it was back in elementary school) I have to admit that I never finished the course, but I did pick up hands-on techniques, manga jargon and the know-how in the field. The key is to keep drawing!

-Megumi

I don't really know anything about her.
Other than her cell number
And what's her real name?
Oh yeah!
I agreed not ta inquire about that kind of stuff.
Where on earth is she returning to?
What's the rush?

...she really?
Who is...

You did a great job too!
It's dark so I'll take you home.
All I have is a motorbike
Motoharu!
Good Job, Mink!

What?
I am so happy, I'm getting delirious!
But...

See ya!

Oh, no thank you, that's okay. I'll make it home on my own.
I'm sure he doesn't mean anything by it.

Wasn't it a good idea to set that alarm to remind you when the three hours were up?
I'm pretty smart
Yep.
And you got even more gigs since your debut, right?
Lunch time
You see?!
Aren't you going to work with Iliya anymore?
New song. New CD
Well, I'm starting to worry about it, so maybe I'll show my face at the office soon.
Of course, you're free to come and go there whenever you like.
You're his little sister after all.
Well, it's not like I'm some mathematical nerd, you spazzy egghead!!!
Is that all you can think about?! You dimwit!
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Whew!
That was close.
Are your folks okay with this?
Staying out so late!
It's fine. I told them I was with Mahoko.
You can go as far as the satellite signal transmits
So that's that.
You did a great job!!

Mink Rap!!

These are the albums I listened to while working on this manga.

Strange Fruits
by Chara.

Life-Time and Weary Flower by Grapevine

Fiore and Fiore II
by Arisa Mitsuki

Cure by Tohko

Cruise Record 1995-2000
by Globe

LOVEppears and Appears
by Ayumi Hamasaki

Grade
by Noriyuki Makihara

Wait--that's not a lot of albums this time. Maybe because there were a lot of songs on each one!

It was really a shame about Noriyuki Makihara* but I still love his songs even now. I'll always like his music.

-Megumi

*Editor's Note: Pop singer who got into some legal trouble

Uh hellooo? Call me clueless 'cause I have no idea what you're talking about!!
I don't get it!
That's why my computer is always at work.
Don't worry.
Yo!
There's something going on!
Motoharu!!!!
Did he hear that?
Oh, my head ugg!
She's a little too infatuated.

You know the alarm isn't the only function I activated.
What?!
Grrr! Whatever!
It's just that when I saw her perform at that event, I felt really inspired.
Well, Cyber Idol Mink got...
...upgraded!
Wha- what did you do?
There's a bunch of other functions I programmed for Cyber Idol Mink.
Something like, uh, plastic surgery.
Heh heh heh. You'll see.

Oh, Meichan.
She's going to be on another live show today.
You'll be seeing us on all five channels, sis.
Yeah, I know.
And her debut single's ranking will be out soon.
I can't wait
Mink... Just as I suspected.
You have a crush on someone here?
Uh, this really sucks!
You better go to the bathroom and wash it off right now!!
Excuuuse me!! What was that for?!
Are you trying to start a fight?!

Oh thanks.
Mo, here's your lunch.
It looks like he didn't hear what we were talking about.
I told you to stop calling me Mo!

I know, I know, but this isn't the place to talk about that.
There's a bigger issue here. Have you been going to class?!
Otherwise you'll be a pathetic drop-out!

The most important thing is Cyber Idol Mink right now.
Right now, I just want to be by her side.

I can at least...
It's... Mink.
Uh.
He won't figure out it's me.
I'm...
Aaaah, um...
...tell him my name, right?
Mink Shiraishi!!
Mi-Mink.
That's who I am.

Huh?
Let's go! Hurry up! You need to wash this off right away or else.
Figures, Mahoko forgot to bring tissues with her again.
How can she ever expect to get a guy?
Um...?
Don't you think so?
I'm sorry...
...my name...

You are?!
Um...
Good luck!
I'm a big fan of Cyber Idol Mink!!
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Wh-whew! I got away with it!
That's great to hear! Thanks!
I mean really, Bird Music is me and my dad's dream.
Well, I have to admit she's the reason our office is doing so well.
ミンキ
ミンキ

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I knew I'd give it away.
たったった
Mink?!
ぐしゃっ
Wait.
Wait a second!!
Even though "Mink" is an unusual name...
...there's got to be more than one girl in the world named Mink, right?
Oh yes.
I was so surprised by it too.
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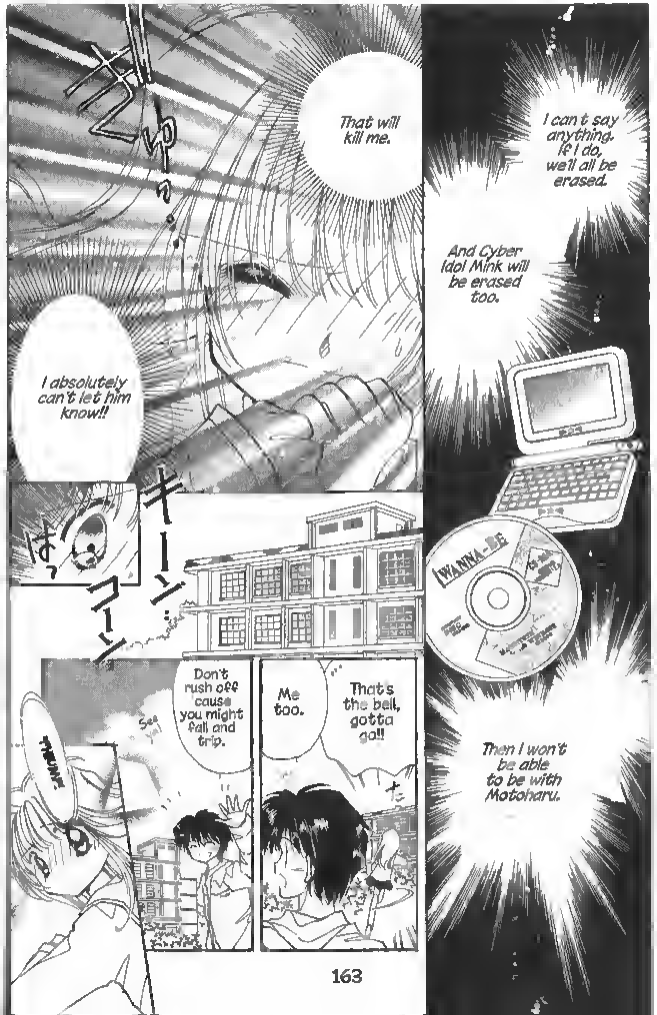
You might think I'm an idiot...
...but I envision a lot for that girl.
She's like an angel who's come to fulfill all my dreams.
Now...
She's...
...she's right in front of you.
...me!
She's right here.
What?
She's just a normal girl.
You're wrong.
She's not an angel at all.
No.

Oh!
Tell me, what do you like about Cyber Idol Mink?
She's way cool, and I'm the one who discovered her!
Someday I know we'll be the label that gave the world its superstar!
Don't you think she's almost like a diamond?
The way she sparkles
Can't you picture her as an angel with wings?
So Bird Music must absolutely not go under!


That will kill me.
I can't say anything. If I do, we'll all be erased.
And Cyber Idol Mink will be erased too.
I absolutely can't let him know!!
キーン
コーン
Don't rush off cause you might fall and trip.
Me too.
That's the bell, gotta go!!
See
THUMP
Then I won't be able to be with Motoharu.

It's me!
Uh...
は?

Mink Rap!!

Special thanks to:

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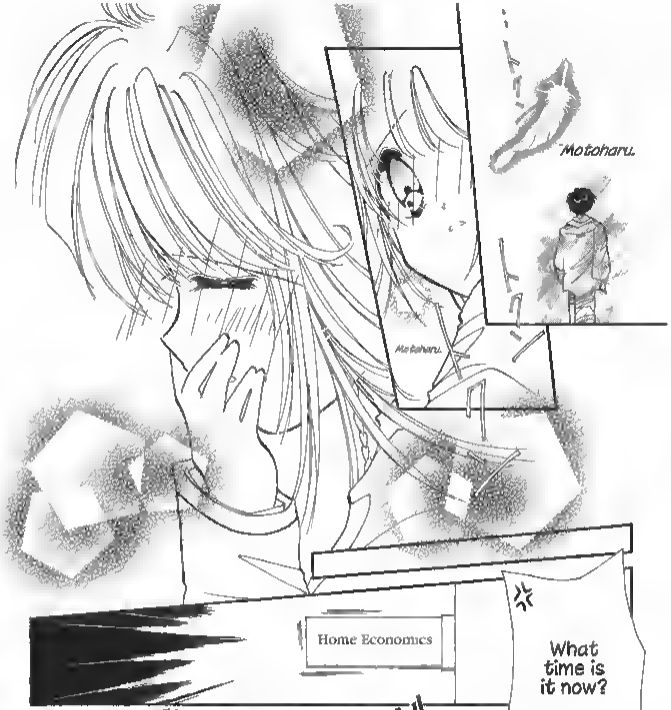
As always, thanks to you, the reader!

-Megumi

She's kidding, right?
えーー?? やだーー??
Okay, I need everyone to stay after school today.
We'll continue with our assignments then.
Why do we have to stay?!


Motoharu.
Motoharu.
Home Economics
What time is it now?
It's been ten minutes since the start of fifth period.
Poor Mink.
I was feeling so sick. That's why I missed this class!
And now there's nothing I can do about this.

"WANNA BE" STAND BY!!
There's no one here, right?
女子トイ
WANNA-BE
CD-ROM
VERSION 2.0
Set up!!

Late Late Late
Late Late Late
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Late Late Late
Late Late Late
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どきどき
What do I do? I've got to go!!
After school
Teacher?
Her mind is already at the TV station.
What? Oh Mink, you have my permission.
Mink isn't feeling well. May she be excused to go to the girls' room?
I can't believe Mahoko did that for me!!

Never mind. Just hurry!!
But we're supposed to stay after school.
Well, you've got to transform first!
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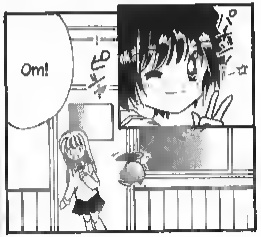
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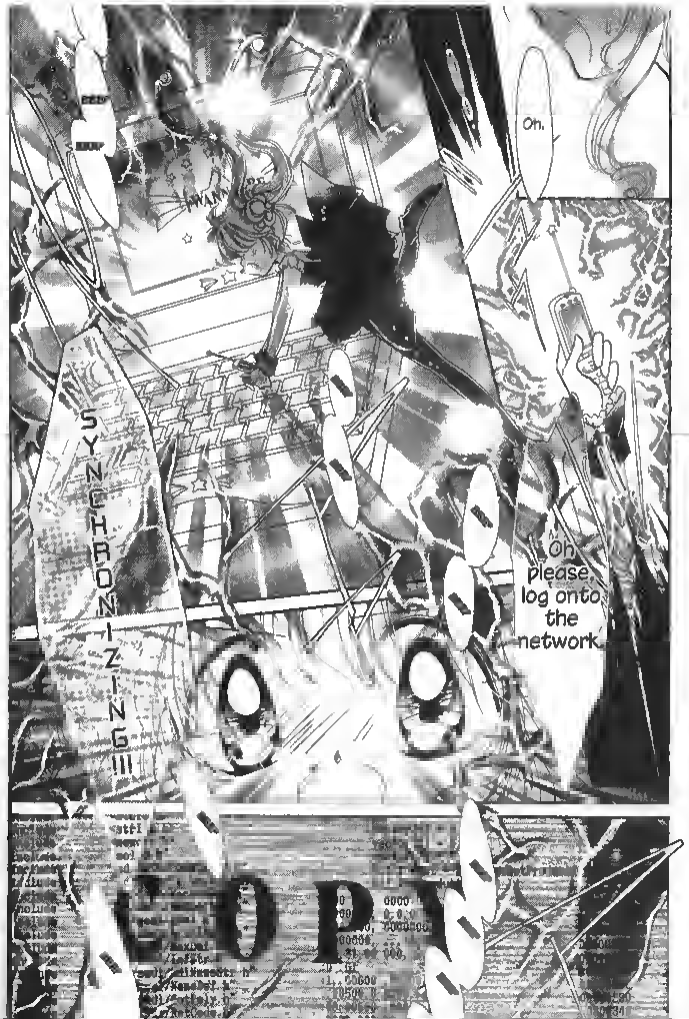
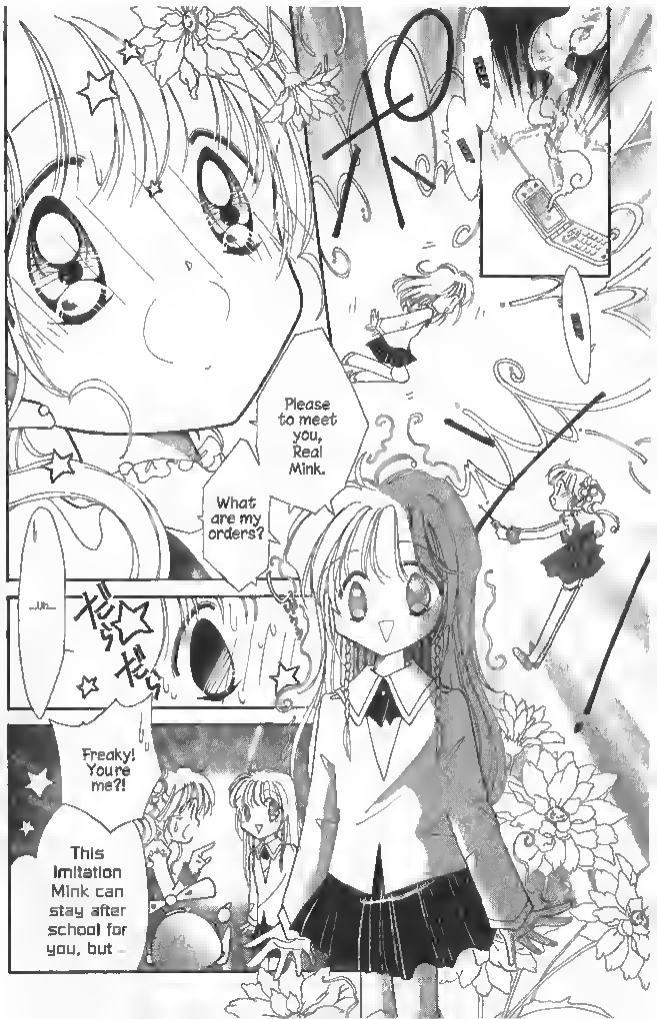
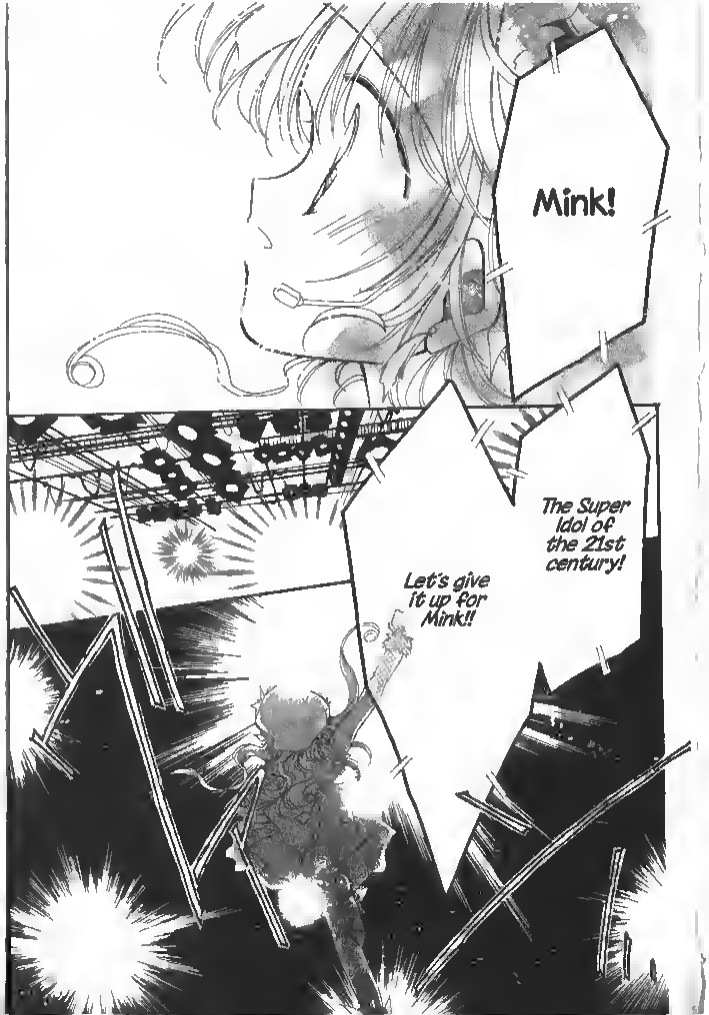

Oh.
"Oh please log onto the network."
SYNCHRONIZING!!!
LOAD

Look, Mink!
They're functions that Kanoka enabled
W-wow, there's a bunch of them.
Go ahead and use them!!
You must move quickly!
MENU
COPY
DELETE
LAYER
PROTECT
REPEAT
RESET
REVERSE

she won't be able to keep up your grades for you!
Okay!
Anyway, I'm going now.
I'm counting on you, Imitation Mink.
Mink, what are you doing?!


Please to meet you, Real Mink.
What are my orders?
...Uh...
Freaky! You're me?!
This Imitation Mink can stay after school for you, but –


Mink!
The Super Idol of the 21st century!
Let's give it up for Mink!!

Mink's here! Get ready, we're going live soon!!
I'm sorry!
It even landed number one on the TV ratings.
It's the number one requested song.
The CD is number one on the sales chart.
Is something wrong?
"Millions of Moons."
And overall ranking is.... number one!!
1
2 DIZZY MO
3 WIND SLA
4 プラス・アル
5 粉雪のクロチェット

This isn't about me.
I got it.
The Cyber Idol Mink that everyone sees...
...isn't the real me.
But...
...I see her in me.

Always.
I'll be here.
?
That's...
...all I want.
Why don't you go home today?
You're acting very strange.
Whoa!
You're disrupting the class. That's enough Miss Shiraishi.
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To be continued in Volume 2

You rock, Mink!
You did it!
As long as it makes Motoharu happy.
All right!
"She's like an angel who's come to fulfill all my dreams."
"But I want to be near Motoharu.
I'll just keep being Cyber Idol Mink.
Let's celebrate! What would you like to do?
Even if...
Is there anything you want?
Even if you don't...
To be here.
...know the real me.

Coo.
Chirp chirp
Coo.
He doesn't get angry no matter where you touch him.
Occasionally you may place him in your palm and play with him.
Peach.
Pretty soon he'll learn his own name.
Letters other than "P" are too hard.
In his words or chirps!
Ouch!
Ouch ouch.
He was trained all right
Hey, the one who got hurt was me!
Peach, it's morning!
There was this other time when I saw him sleeping under the covered cage.
I was startled At first I thought he was dead
It was the first time I saw him asleep since they're awake during the day
He falls asleep in this position.
Peach.
Ouch.
Ouch.
Let's stick together!
Even when you grow up you'll still be my roly-poly!
Coo.
He hangs upside down all night
I cried, I was so scared
Don't you get dizzy doing that?!
Peach is full of energy today too
He does everything in a funny way!
Today only?

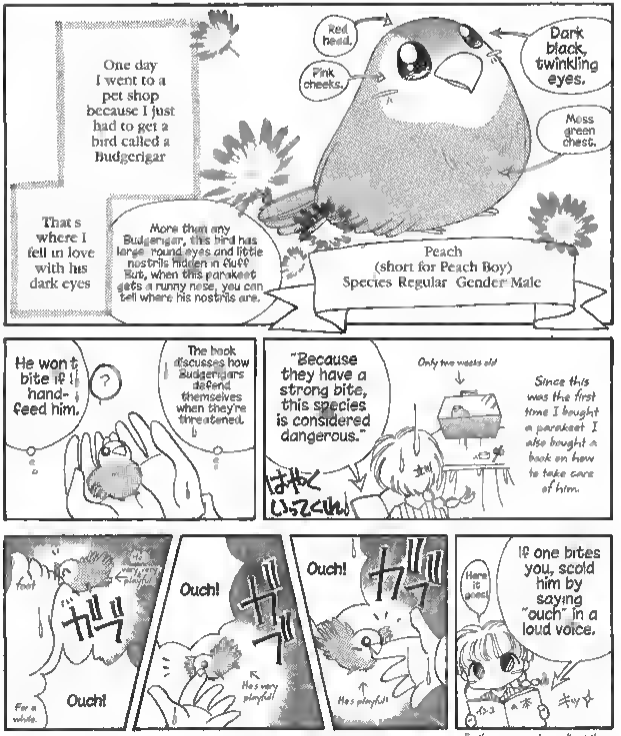
THE END

BY MEGUMI TACHIKAWA

MANGA ESSAY

IN LOVE WITH A LITTLE PARAKEET

The one guy Megumi can't stop loving is her pet parakeet, Peach. Let's talk about his charm.


One day I went to a pet shop because I just had to get a bird called a Budgerigar
That's where I fell in love with his dark eyes
Red head.
Pink cheeks.
Dark black, twinkling eyes.
Moss green chest.
More than any Budgerigar, this bird has large, round eyes and little nostrils hidden in fluff. But, when this parakeet gets a runny nose, you can tell where his nostrils are.
Peach (short for Peach Boy) Species Regular Gender Male
He won't bite if I hand-feed him.
The book discusses how Budgerigars defend themselves when they're threatened.
"Because they have a strong bite, this species is considered dangerous."
Only two weeks old
Since this was the first time I bought a parakeet I also bought a book on how to take care of him.
Foot
For a while.
Ouch!
He's very playful!
Ouch!
He's playful!
Here it comes!
!? one bites you, scold him by saying "ouch" in a loud voice.

By the way, you also can't pet them.

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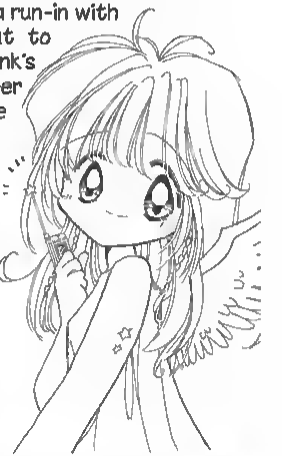

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